

KENSINGTON MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING NOTES - DRAFT

Location: Zoom Call

Tuesday, October 5, 2021 – 7 PM PDT

1. Roll Call – Present: Patrick Tahara, Chris Brydon, Melissa Holmes Snyder, Lloyd Cowell, Larry Nucci, Absent: Adam Novickas
2. Citizens' Comments –
No Citizens' comments.
3. Meeting Notes of July 27, 2021 approved. Motion by Chris 2nd by Melissa, Ayes (5) Melissa, Patrick, Chris, Lloyd, Larry (0) Nays
4. **406 Colusa (LP21-02019)** The applicant requests a Land Use Permit to allow for the sales of spirits at the subject property within an established grocery store at Colusa Market, 406 Colusa Ave, Kensington, California.

Steve Rawlings, consultant, spoke about the owners and operators of the store. The Owner was not able to attend the meeting as he is out of the country. Steve Rawlings stated that the store was bought 1 year ago and had only an inventory of beer and wine.

The Owner wishes to maintain a small inventory of distilled spirits along with the beer and wine that they sell. The alcohol will be stored behind the transaction counter for security purposes.

Melissa asked why ask for a land use permit. Steve stated that the Owners wanted to sale distilled spirits as requested by the surrounding neighborhood. The store hours would not change as the Owner wants to keep the same atmosphere of the neighborhood. Steve also mentioned that a handful of signatures have been obtained for records.

Steve mentioned that the Owners would have a point-of-sale system. The store will ask for a proper ID for those individuals. The employees will be ABC trained. The Owners plan to have security cameras installed in the store. They have not received any feedback from the County Sheriff Department. However, Kate Rauch pointed out that the jurisdiction may be under the Kensington Police Department.

Rodney Paul, neighbor, spoke with Owners and the store manager and voice concerns of the business hours. After speaking with the, he is comfortable with the store being granted a permit as the business will close at 8 pm and not later.

Sarah Paul also had concerns with security as she knew that the store had been burglarized and the alarm did not go off. The store manager, Harry, responded by saying that the there was a communication issue with ADT and has now been fixed.

Lloyd stated that he had no problem with recommending approval of the permit. He stated that the store has been selling beer and wine at the property since 1993 and granting the permit will not change the neighborhood.

Melissa, Larry, Chris, and Patrick concur with Lloyd's assessment.

Chris motioned to recommend approval of the plans dated 6/14/21, 2nd by Melissa. Ayes (5) Chris, Patrick, Lloyd, Melissa, Larry. Nays (0).

5. Discussion with Kate Rauch, Supervisor John Gioia office.

Kate Rauch announced that she is stepping down from as the liaison from Supervisor John Gioia's office at the end of the year to pursue other opportunities. She is grateful to KMAC for their service and wishes them well. Robert Rogers who joined the KMAC meeting will step in for Kate. Robert Rogers has extensive experience working with Supervisor John Gioia's office and acts as a liaison to the North Richmond MAC.

KMAC members expressed their thanks to Kate and wished her good luck. Patrick read a statement from John Gioia also expressing his thanks for her many years of service.

Kate presented two items regarding KMAC meeting going forward starting in October and the workings of a revision to the Tree Ordinance for Kensington.

For KMAC meeting starting in October 2021, the County will work in a "hybrid" manner until further notice. All KMAC meeting will take place in the large room of the Community Center where equipment has been installed to conduct the meetings. KMAC members will need to attend in person while members of the community can participate either at the meetings or by Zoom. David Bergen will assist in set up and Kate is asking for volunteers to assist in understanding the system and the set up.

Kate also introduced a possible change to the tree ordinance. She mentioned that there has been a working group of community members who have gathered in the past few months to discuss revising the tree ordinance. The revised tree ordinance hopes to have stronger, clearer language for actions to occur as well as the appropriate enforcement measures.

Kate mentioned that KMAC may be asked to participate by adding possible another members or members to the committee who may be composed of arborists, landscape professionals that would join the KMAC meetings when these tree ordinance issues arise. She stated that there will be more details to come in the future.

6. Chris motioned to adjourn, 2nd by Lloyd. Ayes (5) Chris, Patrick, Lloyd, Melissa, Larry. Nays (0). Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.